

# **Washington State Patrol Media Release**

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## **“Thurston County Motorcycle Collision Kills One”**

A 45-year-old Olympia man was killed after his motorcycle left the roadway and collided with a power pole.

The May 1<sup>st</sup> incident occurred at 6:58 p.m. when the State Patrol received a report of a motorcycle versus power pole collision at 7527 Lakeside Street SW in Olympia. Witnesses indicated that 45-year-old Bryan D. Christoffer of Olympia was driving a white 1996 Honda XR100RT dirt bike northbound on Lakeside Street SW at a high rate of speed. Christoffer was traveling in the southbound lane prior to the collision, veering back into the northbound lane and left the roadway to the right and collided head-on into a power pole at the corner of Lakeside Street SW and Sprucecrest SW.

Christoffer sustained life-threatening injuries and died at the scene. Christoffer was not wearing a helmet at the time of the collision, in addition, the front brake cable on the motorcycle was missing.

According to Troopers at the scene, there were no obvious indicators of alcohol and/or drugs being involved. Speed and failing to wear a helmet appear to be contributing factors in this preventable tragic collision.

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